

January 25th is the National Student Strike and Day of Action.
See map of the Montréal protest route **pages 4-5**

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Guelph student nearly expelled for protesting Axworthy cuts

BY BRENDA GOLDSTEIN

TORONTO (CUP) — A Guelph high school student, who was threatened with expulsion for participating in a protest against university tuition hikes, has been allowed back into class.

Tom Keefer helped organize a Dec. 9 protest, attended by 1,500-2,000 high school students. The protest began as a march through several Guelph area high schools, and ended in a rally in a downtown square.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) helped organize the protest and supported Keefer in his fight to be re-admitted.

Keefer says he was singled out by the principal of his school for disciplinary action because of his reputation as a political activist.

"They didn't have the legal right to expel me," Keefer said, explaining, "The most, legally, they could have done was suspend me. When we advised them that we could take legal action, they backed off."

"I have a reputation for being a political person. I was transferred out of my last school for being involved in starting an underground student newspaper," he continued.

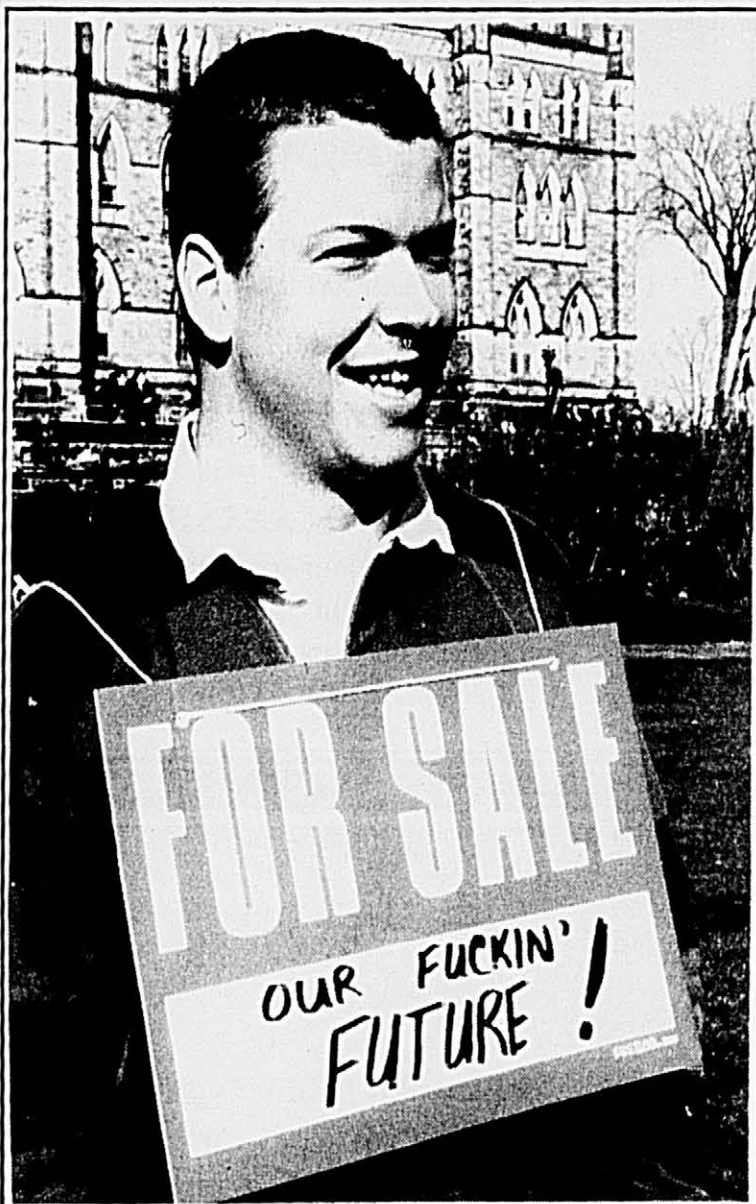
But, on the Dec. 9 protest, he says he was one of many students involved — yet he was the only student threatened with expulsion.

"Me and 50 to 60 other students were banging on classroom doors and encouraging students to walk out because some teachers had locked their classroom doors and had locked students in," Keefer said.

Eric Holmes, principal at F. Ross, said that as an educator, he is not unsympathetic to Keefer's cause. "It was not the walkout itself, it was the particular behaviour," he commented, adding, "There was behaviour that was disruptive on the day of the protest."

CFS chairperson Simone Saint-Pierre said the Federation is helping Tom from behind the scenes in getting media attention and by initiating a letter-writing campaign. Saint-Pierre said CFS did not believe the school was right to take disciplinary action.

"It was not a reason to expel a student because he organized a protest," she said. "The principal didn't think he had a good reason to disrupt classes, but we do."



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100,000 students expected to strike

OTTAWA (CUP) — With the Jan. 25 nation-wide day of strike and action poised to take place this Wednesday, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has vowed to prove to the government that students are seriously opposed to their infamous social security reforms.

The reforms will affect many aspects of student life, including tuition, unemployment insurance and health care. Student groups predict the reforms may cause tuition fees to triple by 1996.

The CFS is expecting 100,000 protesters across the country. The action will vary from province to province. In B.C. there will be a complete shut-down of schools. Other provinces will hold rallies in major cities.

The CFS hopes the strike will put pressure on the government to table the post-secondary education portion of the social security reforms until a national forum on post-secondary education can be held.

Students getting out of line

Across Canada, protests show students won't just follow Axworthy's lead.



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PHOTOS: STUDENTS MARCHED ON PARLIAMENT HILL LAST NOVEMBER TO PROTEST THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CUTS TO SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE THE ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

BC govt. gives cash for consultations

BY DAVID ALAN BARRY

TORONTO (CUP) — Students in British Columbia are receiving \$15,000 from the provincial government to report on the effects of the federal government's cuts to education.

The money was given to the B.C. branch of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which worked with other provincial student organizations to set up 10 consultation forums on the proposals.

David Kappelle, provincial organizer for CFS-BC, said that the provincial money is covering approximately half the cost of putting on the forums and preparing the report. CFS-BC is coming up with the rest of the required funds.

Kappelle stated that he is pleased that the government is helping students respond to the Axworthy proposals.

"It certainly helps to get funds from the provincial government, and we feel

that the B.C. government should be strongly opposed to these things right up front," he said.

But Kappelle noted that it is important for students to remain in control of the consultation process.

"We're always cautious. Whenever you get government money, you have to be very clear on your goals, and that you are in charge of the process," Kappelle noted.

Buchan explained that as a condition for receiving the money, the Federation had to ensure that non-federation schools were consulted as well, "so [as to ensure that] it is a student-based report, not a federation-based report."

The B.C. government expects the report to be issued in early February. The province is the second to fund an anti-cuts campaign. In October, Saskatchewan's provincial government gave \$20,000 to university students for a similar campaign.

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HYDE PARK

March for more creative
and appropriate solutions

AN OPINION SUBMITTED BY SARAH MARSH

The day of the march opposing the Axworthy Reforms is right around the corner. As virtually all Canadians will be affected by the Reforms, I see no reason for students to miss this opportunity to make their voices heard.

Although I have two part-time jobs, as well as supportive parents, I am just scraping-by financially. Most people I know are either in the same boat, or worse: up to our eyeballs in debt by the time we leave college or university. I'm not about to sit idly by and let my tuition fees multiply.

It's not just education that's targeted. Axworthy's quest to trim the deficit targets all social programs, even though only a small fraction of the national deficit is due to social programming. Besides, approximately 70% of the deficit is owed within Canada, so the money never leaves the country. Perhaps the crisis isn't as urgent as they say.

We are in a recession. But several economists have said the public urgency is fabricated. According to Professor Morris Chorney of Economics at Concordia, "our finances are being run by a handful of perverse-thinking individuals whose answer is blaming the victim."

We are still living in a democratic country, though. And while the country is run by a few wealthy Canadians, the rest of us are the ones who will be affected negatively by the reforms.

We can refuse. We can demand more use of imagination on the part of the government planners in this country who are "blaming the victim".

How about devising a plan to cut frivolous expenditures in corporate and government positions alike? And

how about simplifying the tax system, to cut out the loopholes? What about a truly progressive taxation system? I'm no economics expert, and I realize it's a complex issue. But as long as there are thousands of wealthy Canadian individuals and corporations who pay no taxes, I refuse to passively accept heavier burdens on the already struggling majority.

My main concern is that most Canadians seem to be very passive. For many, the 25th of January will come and go like any other day. Some will look at the posters and articles at McGill with a sense of apathy. Some pessimists will say "why bother?" — the decline of social programming is inevitable, and it's just going to get worse."

Others will see the news coverage on the march, and maybe feel a twang of regret or even guilt that they didn't get off their asses to join the protest. But they'll just turn the channel, and forget about it. After all, most of us have such busy lives that we hardly have enough time to react to the information we receive each day, much less recognize (re-cognize, re-think) the cold hard reality of what is going on.

This issue is too important to let slip by.

Some people seem to have a vague idea that since Canada is a pretty great place to be we are in no position to complain. Granted, we are all damned lucky and privileged just to live here, for countless reasons. Let's keep it that way. Let's show that we won't stand for anything less than a democratic, peaceful country. On the 25th, let's march together to demand more creative and more appropriate solutions.

THEME TEAMS NOTICE:

TWO DAILY THEME TEAMS WILL MEET TODAY. "HUMAN RIGHTS, DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT" AND "LABOUR, POVERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT" WILL MEET AT 17H30 AT THE DAILY OFFICE (UNION B-03). ANYONE WELCOME. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE COVERAGE OF THESE ISSUES IN OUR PAPER.

Let them eat "non-tangible rewards"

Motion to eliminate stipends threatens Council's accessibility

BY M-J MILLOY

Students' Society executives might not get paid next year, if a recent motion to council passes. The proposal is to eliminate the stipends which Students' Society executives and many other positions currently receive.

But some students are concerned that without some financial compensation for their time, non-paid positions will become limited to students who have money. "Everybody regardless of means should be able to run," said Students' Society VP Internal Cornell Wright.

Wright underlined the importance of maintaining stipends to support the goals of student government, for "democracy implies certain necessities".

Management Undergraduate Society Representative Lorne Daichman, who proposed the elimination of stipends, said he believes that "non-tangible rewards are valuable enough to compensate the people that we want involved for their time." It would also "reduce the bureaucratization of

student government," he said.

The Students' Society presently pays stipends to individuals based on three criteria: "the time commitment, the divisibility of the position, and the amount of responsibility," explained VP Internal Cornell Wright. Stipends currently cost the Society about \$40,000 annually.

Currently, paid positions are required to put in at least 30 hours a week of work. Stipends are paid to a number of students in a wide variety of positions, including the executive members of council and the heads of some clubs and services, such as Walksafe, The Sexual Assault Centre, and the Tribune.

Kara Cameron, director of the Outreach Programme of the Sexual Assault Centre, said her stipend is a necessity, "There is no way that if I needed part-time work I could do this job."

"This is a class issue, an economic issue about who can afford to be in positions of power," continued Cameron. Although stipends are "not much, they might amount to one month's rent," she said.

Daichman concedes that accessibility should be taken into account when considering the proposal. But he thinks his proposal incorporates "features that will reduce the time commitment and ease the financial burden" of these jobs. These proposals include creating executive assistants for council members and giving executive officers "preferred applicant status" for jobs within the Shatner building.

Wright believes these measures do not directly address the issue of accessibility. The possibility of subdividing responsibility for executive members by providing assistants is not relevant, since "the current policy takes this into account." As well, the proposal does not address other positions outside of the Student Society Council.

Daichman maintains that his proposal addresses the concerns of students who feel they are not "getting enough bang for their proverbial buck". He feels not enough money goes towards student needs and "too much of the Students' Society's funds go toward overhead and administration."

Wright disagrees. "Much of the administration budget goes directly towards student needs," he said. The maintenance of the Shatner building, which accounts "for approximately \$400,000 of the Students' Society's budget" helps support the activities and services of the organizations within the building, providing them with phones, heat, light and more.

Moreover, Wright believes that currently the Students' Society's budget is being spent wisely. "McGill students understand that the money is not being thrown away aimlessly. Many students work very hard in these services".

The Daichman proposal would have McGill's student government being run on the basis of unpaid volunteers. Daichman believes this is "feasible and important." If the proposal passes, students will be compensated for their time in "non-tangible ways" such as "accomplishing an objective that satisfies one's needs".

For others, stipends are both a method of achieving accessibility and also an important, if small, means of reward.



ERRATUM

The association referred to in the January 18, 1995 article "On time and in full" is not "Focus" but the "Focus Association for the Recovery of Child Support". The name of the head of the association is Michelle Daines. Ms Daines has only one child, rather than two, as reported.

The telephone number of the Focus Association for the Recovery of Child Support is 848-0440.

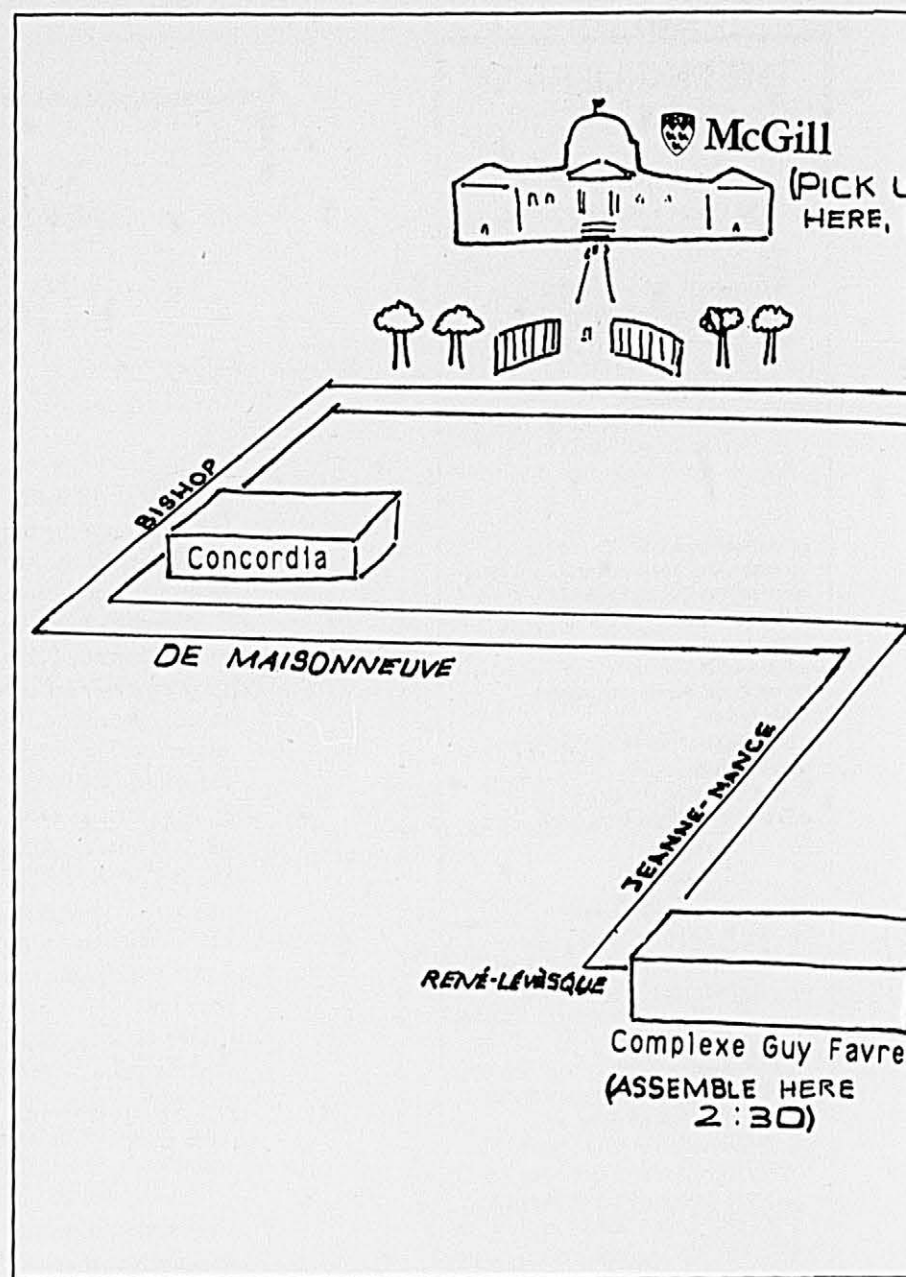
The Daily apologizes for the errors.

We are not alone

If we are ever going to succeed in thwarting the Axworthy reforms, all of the groups which would be affected will have to work together. In recognition of this fact, many groups and organisations across the country are endorsing the January 25 student strike and day of protest.

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 Alberta Federation of Labour
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Professors pro GOALS NOBLE, BUT MET

You've probably seen the flyers around campus warning of the danger of the Axworthy reforms. These messages were echoed by professors Harold Chorney of Concordia University and Jean Panet-Raymond of Université de Montréal last Wednesday. They spoke about "Deficit Hysteria and the Axworthy Reforms", at a talk presented by the McGill Students for Social Justice and the Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill.

The professors were not impressed by the approach the Liberal government is taking. Panet-Raymond criticized the Axworthy policy for hampering universality and pitting people against each other. He stated, "there's a danger in trying to focus so much on the really very poor, in that you cut off a lot of the lower income middle class".

Debt hysteria unwarranted

Panet-Raymond cautioned the audience that while the Green Paper may have "noble goals", the government's solutions for the debt crisis are somewhat perverse. He argued that the debt crisis was a real, but largely exaggerated problem. Professor Chorney agreed, stating that although "we are now living through and have lived through a depression," we have still not reached the historical peak of debt of the Great

Depression of the 1930s. "[In terms of] the debt, we've been there before. We didn't end. We continued."

"People can be used in capitalist society even if they don't have a paying job."
 Raymond, professor
 de Montréal

Chorney criticized those senior officials at the Bank of Canada and the Department of Finance who have adopted the "Chicken Little says the sky is falling" attitude vis-à-vis the economy. He labeled these officials "neo-conservatives" and likened them to the Republican Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich. Chorney specifically denounced the neo-conservative tendency to 'blame the victim'.

Chorney, an economist, condemned other contemporary economists for "proudly [being] immoralists. They think when people are

UNIVERSITY TEACHERS REJECT INCOME CONTINGENCY LOAN PLAN

The federal income contingency loan repayment plan (ICLR) is not a suitable way to fund post-secondary education, said the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) last December 19.

Among Axworthy's suggested reforms to the funding of post-secondary education, is the proposal to eliminate federal transfer payments to the provinces, and to replace them with cash made directly available to stu-

dents in the form of loans.

Under the proposed loan plan, students will only begin repaying the principal on their loans once they are earning a minimum salary. This may seem like a fair and equitable approach, but the CAUT stressed that the plan involves some hidden costs.

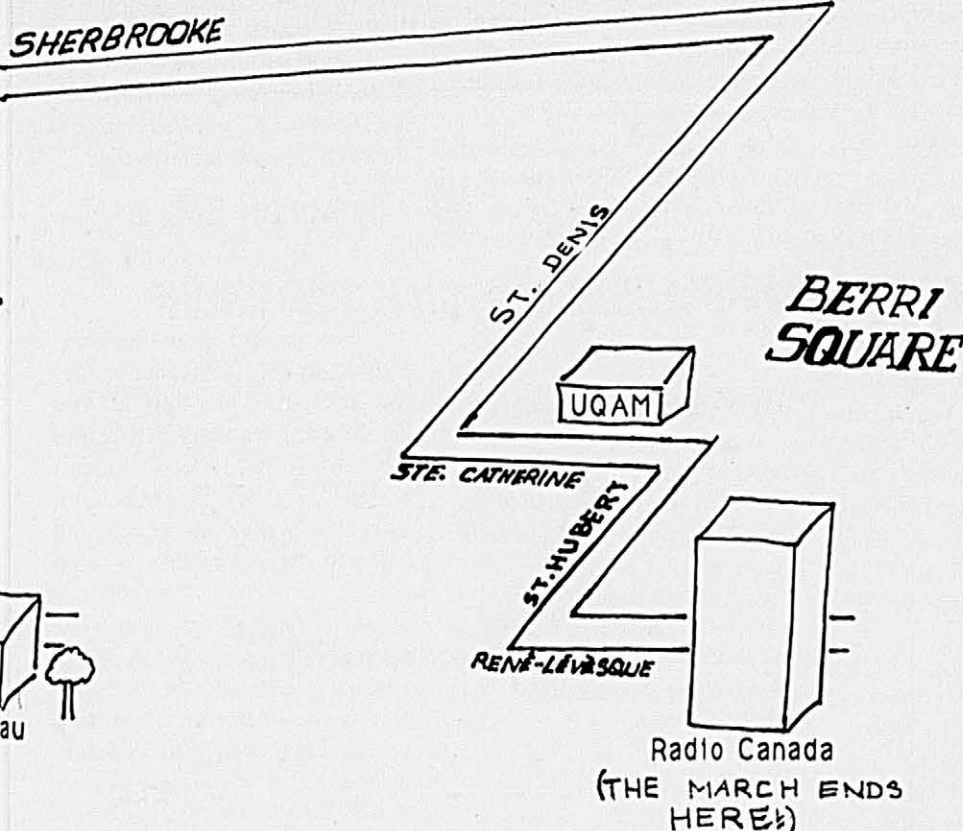
While those with income levels below the minimum threshold will not be required to make any payments on their loans, interest will

keep accumulating whether or not they pay. Unless the individual's earnings remain below the threshold forever, the debt will grow larger and larger, and it will never go away.

CAUT has struck a committee to study the issue, and it plans to present its report to Finance Minister Paul Martin in the first week of February.

Source: CPPU Bulletin

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otest Axworthy plan HOD MISGUIDED

by Tamar Milstein

out of work, it is their fault." This economic belief is based on the assumption that people are unemployed because they will not accept low enough wages. It is often criticized for mini-

cussed solely on creating a "level playing field for businesses on both sides of the border; meaning job creation will be slowed down."

Panet-Raymond argued that the fundamental lack of jobs is shown by the fact that although people now have more qualifications, "we see a lot of qualified people doing low-skill jobs." He continued by saying that despite the lack of jobs, the Liberal plan insists that the current system "passively gives money to people not to work", and that if people are pushed hard enough they can find jobs.

Panet-Raymond also criticized the government for measuring popular support using polls with leading questions such as: "Do you feel that there is an abuse of social programs?" and "Do you feel that these programs create dependency?"

More cuts, more mismanagement

The federal government is attempting to phase out its Canada Assistance Plan agreement to transfer to the provinces 50% of the cost of welfare and social services. Professor Panet-Raymond was critical of the government's proposed plan to give block funding to the provinces so they can make their own spending decisions on welfare, health-care, and education, rather

than giving funding specifically earmarked for each of these purposes.

Among other misdeeds that Panet-Raymond cited, was the government's handling of unemployment insurance, which is entirely paid for by employers and employees. The federal government wants to dip into the funds set aside for unemployment insurance in order to finance training.

Panet-Raymond also criticized the proposed tuition fee hikes for "isolating sectors of the population and making them more vulnerable in terms of cuts." He argued that education and welfare were easy targets for Liberal cutbacks since they affected specific sectors of the population. The cuts were not targeted towards more universal programs like health-care, that would have provoked the wrath of the entire middle-class.

What next?

The final segment of the program allowed students to pose questions to the speakers. One attendee asked, "How do we put together a political coalition out of organizations, unions and students?"

Chorney suggested that protesters "must appeal to the selfless side of people" to embrace the "articulated vision [of groups such as the Students for Social Justice] that the majority of people find sympathy with."

MCGILL WON'T GET IN THE WAY

BY MELANIE NEWTON

It appears that McGill's administration won't step out of character and do something exciting — like, for instance, openly supporting the student protest and cancelling classes.

Principle Bernard Shapiro did, however, agree to inform professors about the protest, so that they will at least be aware that students might be too busy marching through the streets of Montréal to attend class on Wednesday.

"His answer [to our request to cancel classes] was that that we didn't need amnesty. Most likely professors won't have an essay due on January 25 because it's the beginning of term," said Post

Graduate Students' Society VP External Marie-Claude Poliquin. She added that Shapiro said it was the students' decision to go to the march.

"If any problem occurs — and he doubts anything will go wrong — he's distributing the information to all deans to make sure that all professors know about January 25, to make sure that the march doesn't come as a surprise," Poliquin added.

As such, McGill will not

be joining Concordia, where the administration has decreed that no exams will be held nor term papers be due on that day. CÉGEP Lionel-Groulx is so far the only Montréal school which has gone all the way and cancelled classes on Wednesday.

Still, some McGill professors have reportedly either already announced their intention to cancel classes anyway, or openly endorsed the protest and encouraged their students to go.

THE JANUARY 25 MARCHER'S FASHION GUIDE

• Dollar store gloves covered by warm mittens, so you can hold your placard longer.

• Cover your neck well and wear long-johns.

• A garbage bag over your clothes, to keep out the wind and rain. *Not Orange*, since the march security will be dressed in orange. Organisers suggest green.

• A thermal flask, filled with something warm to drink.

• Umbrella, just in case.

• Comfortable boots.

• Noisemakers (tambourines, whistles, pots and pans etc.).

PREPARE TO POUND THE PAVEMENT

With January 25 just days away, Montréal's ad-hoc demonstration coalition, including 19 universities and CÉGEPs and labour and anti-poverty groups met on Friday night at CÉGEP St. Laurent to put together the final organisational details for the march.

It now appears that, rather than the 3,000 protesters the organisers were originally expecting, the number could go as high as 10,000. Three to five thousand are expected to come from l'Université du Québec à Montréal's (UQAM) undergraduate population alone, and l'Université de Montréal expects several hundred.

The 15 CÉGEPs scheduled to participate in the march could bring as many as 5,000 students, while Poliquin predicts that between 500 and 600 McGill students will attend.

The march route will begin at the Complexe Guy Favreau on the corner of René-Lévesque and Jeanne-Mance, and pass by Concordia, McGill and UQAM before concluding at the Radio Canada building on the corner of St. Hubert and René-Lévesque.

At the Friday meeting the Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux (National Confederation of Unions) and the Comité des Sans Emplois (The Committee of the Unemployed) officially endorsed the strike and announced their intention to march with students.

Here's to empty classrooms on Wednesday.

Strike security coordinator Mathieu Mourez (CÉGEP Brebeuf) asks that each university send a volunteer delegation to the strike to help with security. If you are interested in being in McGill's security delegation there will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 18h at CÉGEP Brebeuf, 3800 St. Catherine, rm B 301. For information call Mathieu at 731-2035.

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This is the message that Dylan Maxwell, owner of the New Earth store and Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) activist, wants to get out to the students of McGill. To that end, he will once again be selling his hemp and recycled cotton products in the Union building today and tomorrow.

"My main point is to get people off new cotton. It's estimated that roughly a mil-

lion people a year receive pesticide poisoning on cotton fields," he explained. "They use 33 per cent of the world's tonnage of pesticide on three per cent of the world's crop which is cotton."

Maxwell will be featuring "all kinds of hemp products: clothes, hemp lip balm, hemp seed for free, hemp insulation: the only environmentally sound insulation on the market, and recycled cotton ethnic clothes from around the world."

He will also be working for more than just his own profit. "Part of the profits go to both the QPIRG McGill Organic Food Coop (LOAF) and the Nouvelle Terre Food

Coop in the Plateau," he explained.

At the same time, Maxwell will be collecting clothes for the Ressourcerie — a QPIRG project to "set up a reuse and recycle center in the plateau. They're raising money by collecting old clothes and then selling them at a cheap price in the Union building at a later date."

Maxwell will be in room 108 of the Union building from 10h to 16h30 today and tomorrow. His store, New Earth, is located at 4222 Clark (corner Rachel).

By Aubrey Cohen

NEW STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTIVE GOES ONLINE

There's a new club at McGill, and its out to get you wired this term. The Student Electronic Communications Collective (SECC), which aims to promote internet and other electronic communications systems within the university, is going online. This semester, its going to make life at McGill much easier for students through its stand out project — the "Virtual Union Building," or VUB.

The VUB will be a complete electronic information resource for students. The SECC is proposing to offer online access to everything from research and communications to entertainment and leisure activities for students.

A feather in McGill's cap, the VUB will be one of the first such systems in North America.

The aim, according to Jason Kleine, Secretary of the SECC, is to "allow information to be distributed to students instantly, easily and in one location." Students will be able to provide their own information, respond to the information that is provided, or participate in electronic events.

An outline of the Collective's mandate displays the incredible breadth of the proposed system. It will not be restricted to Students' Society information provided to students via the VUB.

"Everything that is available in the Student Handbook or newsletters," explains Kleine, "should be made available electronically." The SECC will encourage all student clubs and interest groups at McGill to provide information to students on-line.

If everything goes according to plan, confidential student services, such as the Sexual Assault Centre, Nightline, and Peer Counseling, will also be offered on-line in the VUB. Student Publications, and general student services, including career placement through CAPS, Off-Campus Housing and the Medical Health Service, will be at your computer's beck and call. Kleine says he even hopes "that office hours and appointment booking procedures will be made available."

Students will be able to post notes on, and access bulletin boards, ride boards and classified ad listings among other services. All this, according to Kleine, is only the beginning.

When McGill truly enters the electronic age of administration, according to SECC, students will also be able to take a trip to Dawson Hall while still sitting at their desks. With the advent of the VUB, students will be able to jump from course descriptions, to prerequisites, to the course's peer evaluation, to information on

By Rebecca McGuire

other courses taught by a given professor. They will also be able to find out the time and day of the exam for that course.

Because the Virtual Union Building will be on the World Wide Web, a network of information accessible on the Internet, McGill students will not be restricted to the Ivory Tower. The Web is "intuitive, easy to use, and information is presented in a graphical manner," says Kleine.

It should come as a relief to many students that the VUB will not be closed to the computer illiterate.

"One requires almost no computer knowledge (other than the idea that anything that's coloured you can click on) to access vast realms of electronic information," explains Kleine. "To follow hypertext links, users simply click on the coloured link and the information is called up."

SECC needs volunteers to make VUB as complete a system as soon as possible. If you would like to volunteer, or require further information, you can drop in at one of their bi-weekly meetings on Wednesdays (17h — Arts Building, Rm. 350). Or send email to Jason Ridgley (SECC coordinator) at popa0007@po-box.mcgill.ca or Jason Kleine (SECC secretary) at jhk@cs.mcgill.ca.

events

Today

• Shakti, the Women of Colour Collective at McGill meeting to plan for International Women's Week. 16h30 in QPIRG offices, 3657 University.

• Lesbian, bisexual, gay, visible minorities discussion group. In Shatner 432 at 19h. All welcome.

Tomorrow

• LBGM coordinating committee at 17h30 in Shatner 432. All welcome.

Wednesday

• Centre for Applied Family Studies School of Social Work sponsor a seminar on "Prescription drug abuse and substance by the elderly" by Florence Dobson. 14h30-16h Wendy Patrick Room (ground floor) Wilson Hall 3506 University. Info: 398-5286

• LBGM bi-sexual discussion group. Women's Union, Shatner 423 (men and women welcome)

• Department of Hispanic Studies presents an information session for students interested in exchanges with Spanish-speaking universities. Bronfman 696, 15h.

Thursday

• Centre for Developing Area Studies presents a seminar series on the environment, development, aid and trade. Featuring Prof. Noumoff on "Aid vs Trade" and Dr Greg Black on "Environment, Development and Trade" 17h30 at Thomson House, 3650 McTavish.

• Centre for Applied Family Studies, School of Social Work is sponsoring a seminar on "Men who are violent in intimate relationships: implications for prac-

tice, policy and research" by Harle Thomas 12h30-13h30. Wendy Patrick Room (ground floor) Wilson Hall, 3506 University. Info: 398-5286

• Women's discussion group. Women's Union, Shatner 423.18h all women welcome.

• Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics present a seminar by Dr Samy Suissa on "Methodological issues in the pharmacoepidemiology of asthma" 1020 Pine Ave W. Purvis Hall R.25. 12h30.

Friday

• LBGM's coming-out group. 3521 University (Basement of the United Theological College). Specifically deals with issues of coming out, sexuality, dealing with friends and family. All welcome. 17h30

Upcoming and Ongoing

• McGill Hong Kong Dragon Students is offering a Cantonese language course Feb 1-March 29 (excluding reading week). 18h30-20h in R 1170, 550 Sherbrooke. Registration \$15. Info: Vincent 288-1387.

• Introduction to Judaism by Rabbi Leigh Lerner. Classes begin Feb. 14, and continue for 12 Tuesday evenings 17h45-19h. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom. 4100 Sherbrooke St. W. Metro Atwater.

• Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom presents a lecture by Rabbi Leigh Lerner entitled "Temple digs for Torah" on Sunday 12 Feb. at 11h. Info: 937-3575.

• McGill Outing Club and the Alpine Club of Canada presents the 19th annual Banff Film Festival. Thursday 2 Feb. 19h30. McIntyre Medical Bldg, 3655 Drummond, 6th Floor. Palmer Howard Theatre. \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Info: 849-6300, 398-6817.

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Call for member initiated referendum questions

All regular members of the Post Graduate Students' Society are eligible for nominations and submission of referendum questions. Elections, if any, will be held in mid-March.

The following deadline will be observed for nominations for PGSS positions and referendum questions:

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 pm

Nomination forms, instructions for the candidates and guidelines for submission of the referendum questions can be obtained at Thomson House, 3650 McTavish, in the PGSS office (4th floor) or at the front desk. They have to be returned to the Chief Returning Officer (PGSS office) by the specified deadline.

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U. of Manitoba ignores strike

BY GAVIN ADAMSON

WINNIPEG (CUP) — University of Manitoba student council members will not be participating in the national Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) strike this Wednesday because, they say, they believe it's an ineffective way to bring about change.

"We won't be participating in the strike. We agree with the issues, but our plan of action is less antagonistic than the CFS strike," said U of M Student Union (UMSU) Vice President Scott McFadyen.

Still, Student Union Director of Communication Patrick Horan said that, although the strike might not be the best tactic, "the day should not go by without drawing attention to the issues at hand."

Kemlin Nembhard, CFS field worker for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, said the U of M student council members may not be participating in the strike because they fail to realize the enormity of the situation.

"Perhaps the economic background of UMSU council members is such that it would not make a difference to them to pay an extra \$5,000 to \$10,000 for their education," Nembhard observed.



The Chief Returning Officers are accepting nominations for the following positions:

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| <p>A) Students' Society of McGill Executive</p> <p>President
Vice President Internal Affairs
Vice President External Affairs
Vice President Finance
Vice President University Affairs</p> | <p>C) Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Governors (1)</p> |
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Vice President Finance
Vice President Administration
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| | <p>E) CKUT Board of Directors (2)</p> |
| | <p>F) QPIRG Board of Directors (9)</p> |
| | <p>G) DAILY Board of Directors (6)</p> |

The nomination forms can be picked up at the Main Desk in the SSMU office in the Shatner Building, 3480 McTavish. Nomination forms are available from January 24, 1995 at 12:00 noon until February 6, 1995 at 12:00 noon. The **deadline** for all nominations and student initiated referendum questions is **February 6, 1995 at 12:00 noon**. Further inquiries can be directed to the CRO's Eddie Look or Cedric Puah Neo at 398-8222 or leave a message at the SSMU Main Desk in the Shatner Building.